

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

All claims currently being amended are shown with deleted text struckthrough or double bracketed and new text underlined. Additionally, the status of each claim is indicated in parenthetical expression following the claim number.

Claim 1 remains in this application.

Claims 2-3 are being added.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. (Original) A method of conducting a mock trial via a computer network comprising the steps of:

developing case information for presentation to a selected group of virtual triers of fact;

storing the case information in a computer database;

setting up a virtual jury room for establishing communications between the virtual triers of fact;

setting up a virtual observation room supporting observations of selected communications in the virtual jury room between the virtual triers of fact and between the virtual triers of fact and observing parties in the virtual observation room, the observing parties selected from a group of observing parties selected from the group including, scientists, judges, lawyers;

selecting the group of virtual triers of fact;

selectively presenting the case information in the computer database to each of the virtual triers of fact via the computer network;

establishing communications between the group of triers of fact using the virtual jury room; and

observing selected communications between the triers of fact in the virtual observation room.

2. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein observing selected communications between the triers of fact in the virtual observation room further comprises one or more triers of fact initiating communication with one or more observing parties in the observation room.

3. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein observing selected communications between the triers of fact in the virtual observation room further comprises one or more observing parties in the observation room initiating communication with one or more triers of fact in the virtual jury room.